FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H4113

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TO: The Honorable Daniel T. "Dan" Cooper, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee
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SUBJECT: National Guard Pension

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES: \$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill would extend the eligibility for the National Guard pension prospectively to otherwise eligible persons who became a member of the National Guard after June 30, 1993.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

A review of this Bill by the Retirement System and its actuary indicates there will be an additional annual cost to the General Fund of approximately \$926,000 to extend benefits to 6,551 newly eligible members. Further, there would be an additional annual cost to the General Fund of \$53 each year for each new guard member.

The Retirement System also indicates there are a number of individuals who are no longer active in the National Guard who could return to active guard duty and become eligible to receive a pension. However, there is no data readily available to determine the number of individuals and any related costs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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